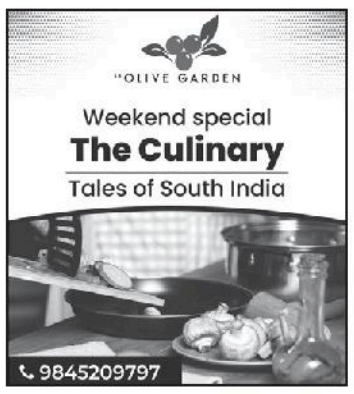

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Two from Mysuru among three killed on Expressway

Seven others injured, one critical; Vehicle was transporting wedding party from Haveri

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (Mohan Raj & BCT)- Three persons from Mysuru, including a woman, were killed and seven others sustained grievous injuries in an accident on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway in the early hours of Saturday. Police reports indicate that the accident resulted from overspeeding.

The collision occurred near Byrapatna, situated on the outskirts of Channapatna, at around 1.30 am. The vehicle involved was transporting passengers from Haveri to Mysuru. The group from Mysuru was travelling in a Tempo Traveller after attending a wedding in Haveri when the accident took place near Byrapatna Chamundeshwari Medical College.

The deceased have been identified as Somalingappa (70), a resident of Someshwarapura near Devalapura in Mysuru; Shivalingappa (66), a resident of Karimuddanahalli in Hunsur taluk and Rajeshwari Desai (56), a resident of Dharwad who had joined the wedding travel party to Mysuru.

Among the injured are driver Prasanna, Kumaraswamy, Nithin, Lakshmi, Choodaratna, Leelavathy and Namratha, also from Mysuru, who are currently receiving treatment at hospitals, Police said. Among the injured, the condition of Choodaratna is said to be critical.

(See EXPRESSWAY on page 6)

The mangled remains of the Tempo Traveller that overturned on the Mysuru-Bengaluru Expressway after colliding with a truck yesterday.

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CM has repackaged BJP Govt. projects in Budget: Pratap Simha

Peripheral Ring Road, Airport runway expansion, Road Under Bridge near Crawford Hall, KRS Road

Pratap Simha

Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BCT)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha has criticised Chief Minister Siddaramaiah for repurposing and rebranding several projects initiated by the Central and former Karnataka BJP Government, presenting them as his own in the recent State Budget for 2024-2025.

"Many of the projects announced by Siddaramaiah were originally brought to Mysuru by me (as the MP) with sanctions and funds secured from the Narendra Modi Government at the Centre and Basavaraj Bommai's BJP Government in Karnataka. Siddaramaiah has essentially copied these projects and reintroduced them as his own in the Budget, thereby deceiving the people of Mysuru," stated the MP in a press release.

Road Under Bridge

Citing several projects as examples, the MP Pratap Simha pointed out that Siddaramaiah has blatantly copied them to claim credit, even though they were not initiated by him.

"The Centre has already allocated Rs. 42.14 crore for the Road Under Bridge (RUB) project near the Crawford Hall on the Kukkarahalli-Bogadi Road to alleviate traffic congestion. This project was initiated at the Mysuru-Chamarajanagar level crossing 1. However, Siddaramaiah has announced the same project as 'Road Over Bridge' (ROB)," Pratap Simha explained.

Similarly, a grant of Rs. 42.88 crore has been approved by the Centre for a Road Under Bridge on KRS Road near Royal Inn Junction, specifically targeting level crossing 5. Yet again, this project has been rebranded as a Road Under Bridge.

(See BJP on page 7)

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Joy Alukkas presents Autobiography to British Parliamentarians

London, UK, Feb. 18- Visionary Indian entrepreneur and jewellery mogul, Joy Alukkas, recently presented his autobiography 'Spreading Joy', to a distinguished gathering of Members of Parliament at the British Parliament.

The event, organised by the British South India Council of Commerce (BSICC), took place at Grimond Hall in the UK Parliament, London and showcased Joy Alukkas' remarkable journey in the jewellery industry.

Joy Alukkas, Chairman and Managing Director of the Joyalukkas Group, was warmly received by several MPs, including Martyn Day, Virendra Sharma and Stephen Timms, who recognised the significance of his visit in fostering economic and cultural exchange, between India and the UK. Baroness Uddin also graced the event, representing the Bangladeshi community and adding to the diversity of attendees.

The autobiography delves into Joy Alukkas' entrepreneurial journey, from humble beginnings in Kerala's 'gold town' to establishing a global presence with over 160 showrooms across 11 countries. Attendees were treated to real-life stories, including his innovative marketing triumphs and commitment to philanthropy.

Reflecting on the event, Joy Alukkas expressed gratitude for the warm reception and emphasised on the importance of fostering stronger ties between India and the UK. "It was an honour to share my story with Members of Parliament, and to highlight the cultural and economic significance of our shared heritage," he said.

The event underscored the global acclaim and interest in Joy Alukkas's inspiring story, following a recent presentation of his autobiography in New Delhi to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Dharma Sastras say that we should care for our parents, elaborated Sri Velukkudi Krishnan in a discourse. We should not analyse whether they are deserving of our respect and care. It may happen that some parents might have been irresponsible. But that is no reason to spurn them. The very fact that they are our parents is enough to merit our attention. There are people who do elaborate pujas, but fail to look after their parents. Of what use are their pujas, for is this not a violation of what the dharma sastras say? In fact, one should go beyond just one's parents, and help the larger extended family too.

When sage Vasistha requests Rama to return to Ayodhya, Rama tells him that it is imperative that we pay heed to our parents. He says that we can never adequately repay our parents for what they do for us. They think of their child's welfare all the time. They give the child oil baths, speak sweet words to him and provide him with nourishing food.

Lord Krishna says in the Bhagavad Gita that to give without expectation is the best form of daana. It is saatvika daana. Parents look after their children without expecting anything in return. What parents do for us is, therefore, saatvika daana. Santi Parva of Mahabharata stresses the importance to be given to one's parents.

—In The Hindu

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman sneaks out of hospital to avoid paying

Sisli: A woman recently tried to sneak out of a private hospital in Istanbul, Turkey, hours after undergoing plastic surgery in order to avoid having to pay for the procedure.

The incident reportedly took place last week at a private hospital in Istanbul's Sisli neighbourhood and was captured on camera by passers-by. In a short clip that has been doing the rounds online, a woman wearing a hospital robe and white slippers can be seen arguing with doctors and nurses trying to stop her from leaving. The woman's face is visibly swollen and almost completely covered in bandages, which makes sense when considering she had only undergone extensive plastic surgery just hours prior. What makes less sense is the woman's motives for leaving her hospital bed as soon as her anaesthesia wore off – trying to avoid covering the bill for the procedure.

Man sticks matches up his nose for world record

Odense: A Danish man earned an unusual Guinness World Records title when he managed to stuff 68 matchsticks into his nostrils.

Peter von Tangen Buskov, 39, was awarded the title for the most matches held in the nose when he surpassed Guinness World Records' goal of 45 matchsticks.

Buskov said he chose the matchstick challenge after researching different world records he could attempt. He said he doesn't think he can currently beat his own record, but he hasn't ruled out trying again in the future.

"For me, an increase in capacity would require some training, or perhaps my nose will grow as I get older," he said.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Severe ulcerative colitis is curable by surgery (laparoscopic/open surgery) without need for a permanent stoma (bag system for fecal waste disposal).

By Dr. Vasudeva Pai H - Consultant - Surgical Gastroenterology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

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Mysore University Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Feb. 18- **M. Suguna** has been awarded Ph.D in Biotechnology by the University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru, for her thesis 'Phytochemical and Pharmacological Screening of Grewia Species' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S. Umesha.

P. Preethi Jain has been awarded Ph.D in Jainology and Prakrit by the UoM, Mysuru, for her thesis 'Study of Lonkaagaccha — A Jain sub-sect' [Guide: Dr. N. Suresh Kumar].

Preeti Shah has been awarded Ph.D in Jainology and Prakrit by the UoM, Mysuru, for her thesis 'Analytical Study of Jaina Principles — Towards A Better Living' [Guide: Dr. N. Suresh Kumar].

S. Nagashree has been awarded Ph.D in Biochemistry by the UoM, Mysuru, for her thesis 'Studies on Xanthophyll Analogs as Potential Anti-obese agents' [Guide: Dr. M. Chethan Kumar].

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REALLY...?

- ***Human lips are very sensitive: They are sensitive because they have the thinnest layer of skin on the body. The lips have over 1 million nerve endings.***
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*A little boy asked a little girl if she would marry him. **"I am sorry dear,"** she replied. **"In my family, we all marry our relatives. My mother married my father, my grandfather married my grandmother and my uncle married my aunt."***

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 83.02
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 104.62
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.60
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.46

VOICE OF THE READER

Traffic Police and barricades

Sir,

Apropos the letter ***"Why barricade junctions and Ring Road stretches?"*** *(SOM* dated Jan. 29), I fully endorse the views expressed by Ananda Kumar.

The reader has clearly highlighted the issues faced by the motorists while manoeuvring the barricades placed by the Police to control the traffic.

No doubt the barricades do act as speed-breakers, but unfortunately most of the barricades are not properly placed by the Traffic Police and such barricades are worse than the unscientifically designed humps.

Also many of the sponsored barricades do not have red reflectors, which reduces the visibility of such barricades.

Barricades should be placed by the Traffic Police in such a way that vehicles are forced to slow down and also permit the vehicles to manoeuvre the space between the barricades easily. Now the space between the barricades is too small, causing steering issues for heavy vehicles, which results in temporary blocking of smooth flow of vehicles.

The best option would be to go for scientifically designed elevated speed-breakers. Such elevated speed-breakers will force the motorists to slow down and will also support the vehicles to cross the speed-breakers safely without any violation of lane discipline.

—K. Chandrahas

Mysuru
3.2.2024

60 fish found dead at Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RK&BS)- A large number of fish of different species were found dead at Kukkarahalli Lake on Friday. The incident was brought to attention by morning walkers who noticed the fish carcasses along the Lake's edge.

Responding to the report, S.K. Mujavar, Assistant Director of Horticulture at the University of Mysore (UoM), along with staff, visited the site and, with the assistance of fishermen, collected the dead fish.

Mujavar remarked, "It's not uncommon for aquatic creatures like fish to perish due to contaminated water, often stemming from sewage influx, which diminishes oxygen levels. Despite halting sewage flow into the Lake, the continued occurrence of fish deaths without a clear cause is concerning."

It is speculated that fish near the embankment may have succumbed to the intense heat, given the current high temperatures. Similar incidents have occurred before, with approximately 50 to 60 fish perishing this time due to the hot weather.

Mujavar emphasised the need to ascertain the precise cause by sending samples of both lake water and dead fish to the laboratory for analysis.

Experts have already assessed the area and efforts are underway to identify solutions to prevent future fish fatalities.

UoM Vice- Chancellor Prof. N.K. Lokanath expressed regret over the fish deaths at Kukkarahalli Lake, assuring that appropriate action will be taken pending the laboratory reports.

He noted the absence of rainfall and sewage contamination in Lake water, attributing the current fish deaths primarily to high temperatures.

Nevertheless, some morning walkers and evening strollers at the lake hold UoM authorities accountable, criticising them for inadequate maintenance of the Lake water to ensure cleanliness for aquatic life.

Mysore Fashion Week Season 7 concludes on a colourful note

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (MK&KS)- The Season 7 of Mysore Fashion Week (MFW) with Brand Mysuru as the concept, concluded on a colourful note at Mysore Union at Hebbal Industrial Area in city on Feb. 16, with showstopper Bollywood actress Nimrat Kaur walking the ramp with a specially designed saree with features of Brand Mysuru logo.

The two-day fashion show, organised by city fashion designer Jayanthi Ballal, was a treat for fashion lovers during which 54 models walked the ramp mesmerising the audience with designer wears.

Though the concluding day of the fashion show was delayed due to hot weather, fashion lovers began to throng the event and lost themselves to the world of music and fashion. Models wearing designer dresses made the event a grand success.

Speaking on the occasion, Jayanthi Ballal said that as Mysuru is a tourist hub, tourists in large numbers visit Mysuru and added that MFW was organised to introduce the famous Mysore Silk among other Mysore products to the younger generation. Pointing out that MFW Season 7 was a grand success, Jayanthi said that if the Tourism Department extends its co-operation, a fashion show in a bigger level will be organised, which would also help the tourism industry in Mysuru.

Bret Lee opens Malabar Gold & Diamonds showroom in Sydney

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Malabar Gold & Diamonds, the 6th largest jewellery retailer globally, has launched their new showroom in Australia at Sydney. The showroom marks Malabar Gold & Diamonds' expansion into the 13th country of operations.

Currently, the brand has an extensive retail presence of over 340 showrooms spread across India, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, KSA, Bahrain, Singapore, Malaysia, the USA, the UK, Canada & Australia.

The new showroom was inaugurated by renowned Australian Cricketer Brett Lee in the presence of Shamlal Ahamed, MD - International Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, O. Asher, MD - India Operations, Malabar Gold & Diamonds, M. Ajith, Regional Head - Far East & Australasia, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Ameer CMC, Head of Finance & Admin, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; A.K. Faisal, Head of Manufacturing, Malabar Gold & Diamonds; Shaji Kakkodi, Chief Digital Officer, Malabar Group; representatives from the Sydney government, other senior management team members from Malabar Gold & Diamonds, customers & well-wishers.

Speaking on the occasion, Malabar Group Chairman M.P Ahammed said: "This is a proud moment for us as the first Indian International jewellery retailer to begin operations in Australia. We have been a strong proponent of 'Make in India; Market to the World', showcasing the artistry of Indian jewellery on a global stage and expanding into Australia is another testimony of our commitment to this initiative. This is also a great success story leveraging the strong trade relationship and recent bi-lateral free trade agreement between Australia & India."

Located at 109 Wigram Street in Harris Park within the Little India Precinct, Malabar Gold & Diamonds' new outlet will be the largest jewellery showroom in Sydney. With an extensive collection of jewellery in 18K, 22K gold and diamonds, the showroom will showcase over 30,000 designs across bridal wear, daily wear and occasional wear.

Malabar has facilitated a customised jewellery design facility at their showroom, enabling jewellery enthusiasts in the region to bring to life their jewellery design assisted by expert designers & craftsmen from the brand.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Subsidy

The Karnataka State Minorities Development Corporation has invited applications from Minority Communities such as Muslim, Christian, Jain, Buddhist, Sikh, Parsi and Anglo-Indian, for availing subsidy (maximum of Rs. 1 lakh) under Self-employment Scheme. Applicants must be aged between 18 and 55 years and the annual income of the applicant must not exceed Rs. 6 lakh. The applications can be submitted through the Corporation's website: ***www.kmdconline.karnataka.gov.in*** Last date for applying is Feb. 29. [Ph: 0821- 2430080]

City Dermatologist for Natl. Symposium

City's Senior Consultant Dermatologist and former Dean & Director of Mysore Medical College & Research Institute (MMC&RI) **Dr. H. Hanumanthappa** has been invited to participate in a Panel Discussion and to chair a Scientific Session of National Dermatologists Conference to be held from Feb. 22 to 25 at Hyderabad. He has delivered many Guest Lectures in National & International Conference. Apart from presenting scientific papers, he has participated in many seminars & served as National President of Paediatric Dermatologists' Association.

In-charge Director of EMRC

Prof. M.S. Sapna Professor and Chairman, DoS in Journalism and Mass Communication, University of Mysore (UoM), Mysuru has officially assumed the office as in-charge Director, Educational Multimedia Research Centre, (EMRC), UoM, Manasagangotri, Mysuru on Feb. 3, 2024.

Obituary

Alhaj A. Vazeer Pasha

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Alhaj A. Vazeer Pasha (75) of Udaygiri, retired PE teacher of Farooqia Boy's High School, Mysuru, passed away in city yesterday night.

He leaves behind four sons.

Namaz-e-Janaza was held today at Masjid -e-Quba, Udayagiri after Zohar prayers (1.30 pm), followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Heritage Committee steps in to renovate MCC building

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RK&BCT)- In a bid to safeguard the rich heritage of Mysuru, the District Heritage Committee has decided to conserve the historic Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) building on New Sayyaji Rao Road so that the future generations can continue to appreciate the city's rich historical tapestry.

Dr. Rajendra

Chaired by Deputy Commissioner Dr. K.V. Rajendra, who is the Chairman of the Heritage Committee, the crucial Committee meeting that was convened on Wednesday highlighted growing concerns over the deteriorating condition of the iconic structure. Members expressed alarm over the building's weakening structure, attributing it to leaks in the roof which pose a significant risk.

During deliberations, heritage experts shed light on the issue, emphasising that rainwater seepage through the roof had led to structural vulnerabilities. They pointed out that previous interventions, particularly during the installation of solar equipment where nails were driven into the ceiling, had caused further damage by creating openings for rainwater to seep into walls, weakening them.

Highlighting the urgency of the situation, retired Professor from the Department of Ancient History and Archaeology, University of Mysore Prof. N.S. Rangaraju cautioned that without prompt and effective repairs, the heritage Corporation building could suffer a fate similar to that of other iconic structures like Lansdowne Building and Devaraja Market.

In response to these concerns, the Committee recommended immediate repair and maintenance work, stressing the need for skilled labour to undertake preservation efforts in line with the heritage guidelines. This recommendation found favour with the heritage stakeholders, who pledged their support for the initiative.

MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff, Commissioner of Archaeology, Museums and Heritage A. Devaraju, Deputy Director Manjula, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Town Planner Shesha, along with Committee members Vijay Rao, Lokesh and others were present.

Hundreds take part in Mass Surya Namaskar in city

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RK&DM)- Hundreds of yoga enthusiasts from across the city took part in the 108 Mass Surya Namaskara event organised by Mysuru Yoga Okkuta as part of its 23rd anniversary and Ratha Sapthami, in front of Kote Anjaneya Swamy Temple at the Palace North gate here on Friday early morning.

Those who participated included Yoga students from various Yoga Associations such as Maruti, Chaitanya, Paramahamsa Yoga Kendras, Mysuru Academy of Yoga, students from different educational institutions and members of the public.

Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Mysuru Yoga Okkuta President Dr. A.S. Chandrashekar, T. Jalendra Kumar, Shantaram, Dr. B.P. Murthy, M.S. Rameshkumar, K.G. Devaraj, Shivaprasad and others were present.

Special Pujas

As part of Ratha Sapthami, special pujas were performed at all temples inside Mysore Palace premises on Friday morning. A total of 8 Raths (Chariots) were offered pujas on being brought to the main gate of the Palace. After the completion of rituals, the devotees were allowed to have *darshan* of deities- Sri Bhuvaneshwari, Trineshwara Swamy, Lakshmiramanaswamy, Mahalakshmidevi, Prasanna, Vedavarahaswamy, Khille Venkataramanaswamy and Gayatri Ammanavaru.

Hundreds of devotees from across the city visited the Palace and had *darshan* of the deities on the special occasion.

Utsava held

As part of Ratha Saptami, a Utsava was held at Sri Lakshminarasimhaswamy temple on Kalidasa Road on Friday. The Ustava was held under the guidance of Temple Manager Vidwan K.R. Yoganarasimhan (Muruli).

State power production to touch 60,000 MW: CM Siddaramaiah

Bengaluru, Feb. 18 (KMS& TRR)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced in the State budget for 2024-25 that the electricity production in the State will be increased from present 32,000 megawatts to 60,000 megawatts in the next 7 years, by attracting more investments to the energy sector.

"About 63% of power produced in the State is from renewable sources of energy. Because of the encouraging policies of the Government, private investments worth thousands of crores are flowing into the State. The policies of the State Government will be made more investor friendly," said the CM.

Continuing, he said that to make farmers more self-reliant, 40,000 solar pumpsets are being set up in the State at a cost of Rs.1,174 crore under PM-KUSUM Scheme. The Central Government's share is 30% and the subsidy provided by the State Government has been increased from 30% to 50%, added CM Siddaramaiah.

"Karnataka Power Corporation Limited is installing Floating Solar and Ground Mounted Solar Units in association with various agencies. Under the Feeder Level Solarisation of agriculture connected pumpsets, steps have been taken to produce 1,320 megawatts of decentralised power which will benefit 3.37 lakh farmers. In addition, by implementing 1,192 megawatts solar programme, we intend to solarise 4.30 lakh IP pumpsets," said the Chief Minister.

Green Hydrogen is the future energy, and the State Government is setting up a 300-Kilowatt Green Hydrogen Unit on experimental basis at a cost of Rs.10 crore under Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) fund on the basis of self-reliable unit. In addition, the State Government will also formulate a Green Hydrogen policy.

To promote electric vehicles (EV), 2.500 EV Charging centers will be set up under public-private partnership. Besides, 100 charging stations will be set up by Escoms at a cost of Rs.35 crore, said CM Siddaramaiah.

Signs of trouble

Misaligned signboards on Hunsur Road

The huge directional signboard along Hunsur Road positioned after the Aishwarya Petrol Bunk junction with names of destinations to the right side rather than to the left.

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BCT)- Traffic signboards or signages are essential components of any road infrastructure, serving as vital navigational aids for both tourists and city residents. They convey crucial information to commuters, directing them towards their intended destinations.

Recently, the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) installed a huge directional signboard along Hunsur Road, positioned after the Aishwarya Petrol Bunk junction. However, rather than adhering to its primary function of displaying directional information, approximately 75 percent of the signboard's space is allocated for advertising purposes, prominently featuring contact numbers.

Regulations stipulate that directional indicators and destination markers should dominate the signage, with advertising content confined to a minimal portion of the space. Unfortunately, in this instance, the established proportion has been grossly violated, prioritising advertisement placement over navigational guidance.

Furthermore, the arrangement of direction indicators on the signboard exacerbates the issue. Typically, the names of destinations should be positioned on the left side of the hoarding, facilitating easy viewing for commuters entering Mysuru city from the Hunsur side.

However, in this instance, crucial destinations such as Kalidasa Road, Railway Station, Chamundi Hill, Mysore Palace, SJCE, T.K. Layout and others are inexplicably placed on the extreme right of the signboard, rendering them ineffective for their intended purpose.

This misplacement of the destinations and directions to the right side compels commuters travelling on the left side of the two-way road to look to the right and have to slow down the vehicle to read the signages on this busy road, which is a risky proposition.

It's important to note that faulty road signage and signals significantly contribute to traffic congestion, accidents and pile-ups. Deficiencies such as defective traffic signals, improperly positioned signboards — sometimes obscured by foliage — and inconsistent road markings often result in numerous traffic violations.

Hope the authorities will set right this wrong on the signage.

Another signboard on the same Hunsur Road with a small space allotted for names of destinations while a larger space is allocated to an advertisement.

Job aspirants fume over far-away exam centres

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (RK&BS)- The authorities' lack of consideration in assigning exam centres for job aspirants in the State has provoked considerable anger, compounded by the absence of efforts to address their concerns.

These exams are conducted by the Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA), Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC), State Police and other Government Departments.

Examination centres are being assigned haphazardly, causing significant inconvenience to job seekers.

Many are compelled to travel long distances from their homes or places of residence, adding unnecessary strain to an already challenging process.

For instance, the candidates of Mysuru are allotted schools and colleges in far away North Karnataka like Raichur or Belagavi as exam centres. Some are given the exam centres in Mangaluru, Udupi and Chikkamagaluru and candidates from those places are put to Mysuru.

As these exams are scheduled to start in the morning, the candidates have to travel 500 to 600 kms distance on the eve itself and stay overnight to avoid last-minute hassles. Expenditure-wise, they have to spend thousands of rupees.

If the candidate is new to the place, he or she has to search for the location of the exam centre, which at times proves a laborious task.

By the time they reach the exam centre, they would have lost much of their energy with minimum enthusiasm to write the exam. To avoid the risk, some of the candidates even skip the exam.

The only solution is the allotment of exam centres in a rather scientific manner, either at the district centre or the neighbouring districts of respective candidates. They will benefit not just from reduced travel time but also from spending more, which would eventually contribute to the increase in attendance at the exam centres.

The authorities should adopt a pragmatic approach to preventing mishaps. If the current practice of assigning exam centres based on arbitrary decisions persists, it may dissuade financially challenged unemployed graduates from participating in exams due to associated expenses.

Written exam for 1,137 Police Constables posts on Feb. 25

Candidates appearing for the examination should follow the dress code

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (BS)- The written exam for 1,137 vacant posts of Police Constables (Civil) including male and female and transgender male and female candidates, in service and backlog candidates, in Karnataka State Police Department is being conducted across the State on Feb. 25 from 11 am to 12.30 pm.

The exam will be conducted in 21 centres set up in various schools and colleges in the city, where 515 rooms are readied to facilitate 10,300 candidates who have enrolled for the exam. The link of call letter will be sent by SMS to the cell phone of eligible candidates in the coming days.

Candidates appearing for the written exam should follow the dress code. Male and transgender male candidates should compulsorily wear half-sleeves shirt, possibly without collar, zip pockets and big buttons, jeans pant and trousers with multi-pockets.

Wearing shoes inside exam hall is also prohibited, while it is allowed to wear footwear with soft soles. Candidates are restrained from wearing metal ornaments around the neck and also *kadaga* (wristlet).

The female and transgender female candidates are restricted from wearing tops with wide range of embroidery work, with floral designs, brooch and buttons.

They are also restrained from wearing full sleeves tops and jeans pant for the exam. Instead the candidates are advised to wear half-sleeves tops without feeling embarrassed.

They should not wear high heel footwears and shoes with thick sole while it is mandatory to wear footwear with soft sole.

They can wear *mangalsutra* and *kalungura* (toe ring), according to a press release from the Superintendent of Police (SP).

If the candidates appear for the exam without call letter, they will not be allowed to write the exam. They should compulsorily produce the call letter with a photo ID proof.

The candidates should report at the centre 120 minutes before the commencement of the exam and the late comers will not be entertained.

Mysuru Forensic Lab gives 5,058 reports to Police in 2023

Plays crucial role by furnishing clinching evidence to Police resulting in many convictions

By S.T. Ravikumar

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Visits to crime scenes by forensic experts and the number of cases handled by the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL) in Mysuru are reaching unprecedented levels. In 2023, the RFSL played a pivotal role by furnishing crucial evidence to the Police in 5,058 cases and has assisted in many convictions.

Following directives from the Centre, forensic investigation has become mandatory in all crimes punishable by more than six years of imprisonment. Of the 5,058 forensic cases handled in Mysuru last year, 1,293 were biological forensic, 2,813 toxicology cases, 820 chemistry cases, 131 question document cases, 1 psychology case and 5 photography cases.

Biological forensics analyses biological evidence like blood, hair, tissue, DNA, etc., to link suspects to crime scenes or victims and used in homicide, assault, sexual assault and other cases involving bodily fluids or tissues. Toxicology cases deal with poisons, drugs and their effects on the body. It helps determine the cause of death in poisoning cases, analyse drug use in crimes and identify performance-enhancing drugs in sports.

Chemistry cases apply chemical principles to analyse various evidence like explosives, accelerants, fibres, paints, etc., and are used in arson investigations, bomb threats, hit-and-run cases, and analysing fraudulent products.

Question document cases examine documents to determine authenticity, authorship, alterations and forgery. Used in fraud investigations, document tampering cases and verifying wills or contracts.

A trained forensic science analyst testing samples at the State Forensic Science Laboratory, Bengaluru. Mysuru lab is out of bounds for media.

Psychology cases apply psychological principles to understand criminal behaviour, assess witness credibility and evaluate mental competency. It includes polygraphs, narco-analysis and brain oscillation while photography cases document crime scenes through close-up photos.

Timely collection of exhibits

Dr. Chandrashekar, Deputy Director of RFSL, told *Star of Mysore* about the significance of forensic investigation in bolstering Police investigations. He stressed that efficient and timely collection of exhibits is paramount, as it leads to more accurate and reliable scientific examinations, strengthening the cases against suspects in a Court of Law.

He highlighted the challenges faced during investigations, such as the decay and contamination of biological samples and the risk of physical evidence being tampered with or lost at crime scenes due to public activity. To mitigate these challenges, forensic experts provide crucial expertise in identifying and preserving evidence at the scene of a crime.

The forensic team plays a vital role in guiding Investigating Officers (IO) in handling evidence effectively. "Samples are collected and transferred to the IO along with detailed instructions on preservation and submission to the RFSL for examination," explained Dr. Chandrashekar.

He emphasised the importance of presenting conclusive evidence to secure convictions in Court.

Mysuru RFSL in 2020

The Mysuru RFSL was established in 2020 and in Bengaluru, it was established in 2006. **Dr. Divya Gopinath is the Director of the State Forensic Science Laboratory, Bengaluru.**

In the Mysuru office, there are five Assistant Directors and the team comprises senior scientists who have obtained training at the National Forensic Sciences University, Gujarat.

Dr. Chandrashekar Dr. Divya Gopinath

To be able to tackle the increasing number of crime scene visits, the RFSL has procured a state-of-the-art mobile laboratory.

"The forensic analysis reports are typically submitted to the Police within a month of their completion. However, in cases of dowry death, these reports are prioritised and sent within seven days. For particularly sensitive or confidential reports, such as those involving high-profile cases or sensitive information, they are transmitted directly to the judges through secure online mechanisms. This ensures that the reports maintain their integrity and confidentiality without being passed through multiple hands," Dr. Chandrashekar said.

A mobile Forensic Science Laboratory with Regional Forensic Science Laboratory (RFSL) in Mysuru.

Three killed on Expressway

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The victims had attended the wedding of one Kumaraswamy's son in Haveri on Feb. 16. Kumaraswamy, a resident of Dasanakoppalu Gate Trends Apartment, along with his relatives, had left Mysuru on Feb. 15, hiring a Tempo Traveller for transportation.

Initially, there were approximately 14 passengers in the vehicle, with four disembarking at Kengeri, while the rest continued their journey towards Mysuru. According to Police reports, the driver Prasanna was operating the vehicle recklessly, despite passengers' warnings to drive more cautiously. Injured individuals informed the Police that the driver was overspeeding.

The collision resulted in the Tempo Traveller crashing into a passing truck and overturning. The truck driver, sensing the situation, fled the scene fearing his safety. Investigations revealed that driver Prasanna attempted to overtake the truck in an improper manoeuvre, leading to the accident. Rajeshwari Desai, who was travelling with the bride, was also killed with Somalingappa and Shivalingappa due to sudden impact.

The driver's fatigue, lack of awareness of safe driving practices and insufficient distance between vehicles on the Expressway were cited as contributing factors to the collision by the Police. The injured were treated at the Channapatna Government Hospital and some of them have been shifted to the ICU of Rajarajeshwari Medical College Hospital in Bengaluru.

The impact of the accident was severe, causing extensive damage to the vehicle and ejecting several passengers onto the road. Passers-by, assisted by the Police, intervened, temporarily blocking the road to help the victims and clear the wreckage. Traffic was disrupted on the Expressway for a brief period.

The driver has been charged with negligence resulting in death and reckless driving. Police and transport officials are also verifying the vehicle's compliance with relevant permits.

MCC Budget focuses on green initiatives

Mysuru Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash, who is also the MCC Administrative Officer, presenting the MCC Budget yesterday as MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff looks on.

Mysuru, Feb.18- Mysuru Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash, who is also the MCC (Mysuru City Corporation) Administrative Officer, presented a Rs.1,067.06 crore budget of the civic body for the year 2024-25 here yesterday.

The budget lays emphasis on green initiatives like disposal of legacy waste, recycling of plastic, installation of solar power panels and Rainwater Harvesting (RWH) theme park. The Budget also envisages a slew of projects for the development of the city, including augmentation of water supply, building debris recycling plant and introduction of pay and park system, among others.

The MCC expects a revenue of Rs.1,067.06 crore and proposes an expenditure of Rs.1,060.18 crore, thus leading to a surplus of Rs.6.88 crore for the 2024-25 financial year. In addition, the MCC is expecting a grant of Rs. 25 crore from the Government.

The MCC has projected to collect a revenue of Rs. 204.80 crore through property tax, Rs. 79.85 crore through water tax and UGD fee. Rs. 13.2 crore through building license and other fees, Rs. 6.35 crore from Trade License, Rs.3.09 crore through rentals from commercial complexes, markets and others in 2024-25.

Green initiatives

The Corporation plans to speed up implementation of bio-mining and re-mediation project, to dispose 6.01 lakh tonnes of legacy waste on 22 acres landfill at Vidyaranyapuram Compost Unit. The MCC has planned to hire 336 more employees via SHGs and NGOs for segregation of solid waste at source and collection.

The civic body has proposed to establish a building debris waste plant on 9.5 acres of land near Sathagalli Bus Depot. It has also planned to build a plastic recycling plant of 50 TPD capacity, under PPP model for scientific disposal of plastics generated in city. Installation of solar panels in three solid waste management plants through CSR funds is also planned.

This apart, there are plans to develop Cheluvamba Park in Vontikoppal as a RWH theme park, in order to create public awareness on rainwater harvesting.

Other plans include adoption of E-office technology at MCC Main Office and all zonal offices, construction of a new building for MCC Zone-9 Office, which is currently functioning from a MUDA Building in Gayathripuram.

MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff and other officials were present.

Pay-and-park

The MCC plans to introduce Pay-and-park facility on D. Devaraj Urs Road, multi-level parking complex in Town Hall (Rangacharlu Memorial Hall) premises in the heart of the city and at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road, to ease traffic movement. Also, plans are afoot for further improvement of facilities at the Town Hall Multi-Level Parking complex.

Water and UGD

The Underground Drainage (UGD) system will be expanded and a new UGD line stretching to 15 km will be laid at a cost of Rs. 80 crore. There are also plans to develop 35 km main UGD lines by connecting them to sewage treatment plants. Also, the upgradation of Kabini-Kembaalu water treatment plant with 60 MLD to 120 MLD capacity will be taken up this year.

Trin Trin

Trin Trin, the city's public bicycle-sharing initiative will be expanded in the second phase of the project, which also envisages addition of more docking hubs in the city. The city already has 1,000 pedal assist bicycles, with GPS tracking and 100 docking hubs.

Lakes and parks

The MCC plans to rejuvenate Devanur Lake with treated sewage water from surrounding areas. The civic body plans to develop Kalyanis (Water tanks) at Bogadi Lake, Ayyajayyanahundi, Thippayyanakere and Saraswathipuram comprehensively. The other plans include development of Sainika Park at Dattagalli, park near the Old DC Office building, Kalyanagiri Park, Kadalivana Park and Akbar Ali Park. The other proposals include development of prominent circles of city with CSR funds.

City's Dr. Renu Agarwal attends Environment Ministry meeting

Dr. Renu Agarwal

Mysuru, Feb. 18 - The high-powered steering committee meeting of the Natural Resources to Transform, Adapt and Build Resilience (NIRANTAR), Delhi, was held at Paryavaran Bhavan in New Delhi on Jan. 30, 2024.

The meeting was organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to discuss the application of Natural Resources to transform, adapt and build resilience.

The meeting was chaired by the Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav.

Among the invitees was Dr. Renu Agarwal, retired Chief Scientist of Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru. She was invited as the expert in the high-powered steering committee meeting.

Foundation for Devaraj Urs statue tomorrow

Devaraj Urs

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (KS)- The District Administration, along with the Department of Kannada and Culture, as part of Kannada Sambrahma-50, has organised a function to lay the foundation stone for the installation of former Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs statue in city tomorrow.

The foundation stone will be laid by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah at the New Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar at 9.30 am. MLA Tanveer Sait will preside.

Kannada and Culture and Backward Classes Welfare Department Minister Shivaraj S. Tangadagi and Animal Husbandry and Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh will be present.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, MLAs Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, D. Ravishankar, G.D. Harish Gowda, Darshan Dhruvanarayan and T.S. Srivatsa, MLCs Marithibbegowda, A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, C.N. Manjegowda and Madhu G. Madegowda will be the chief guests, according to a press release from the Assistant Director of the Kannada and Culture Department.

CM has repackaged BJP Govt. projects in Budget

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The Basavaraj Bommai Government had allocated Rs. 319.3 crore in the Budget to facilitate the upgrading of the Mysore Airport runway to accommodate larger flights. "This allocation was specifically designated for land acquisition purposes. A total of Rs. 276.13 crore has already been disbursed in four stages, with Rs. 43 crore remaining pending. However, Siddaramaiah has now included and repurposed the same project in his Budget announcement," Pratap Simha remarked.

Peripheral Ring Road

The Peripheral Ring Road project, envisioned to accommodate Mysuru city's anticipated growth over the next 50 years, was originally conceptualised by the BJP Government at the Centre, he noted.

"Former Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar and myself (as the MP) had met Union Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari. Following Gadkari's suggestion, the Basavaraj Bommai Government allocated Rs. 10 crore to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR). Although the DPR preparation is underway, Siddaramaiah has rebranded the Peripheral Ring Road project as his own and included it in his Budget announcement," the MP stated.

Filling lakes and ponds

"In 2023, the then BJP Government under CM Basavaraj Bommai allocated Rs. 85 crore for a project ratified by the Cabinet on March 24. This initiative aimed to provide drinking water to 49 lakes and ponds in Hunsur, sourced from the Lakshmanatheertha River at Maradoor village. Tenders for the project have already been initiated. However, amusingly, Siddaramaiah has now relaunched this project in the Budget," Pratap Simha stated.

Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti on Feb. 19

Mysuru, Feb. 18 (KS) - The District Administration and the Department of Kannada and Culture has organised a function to celebrate Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Jayanti in city tomorrow (Feb. 19).

The function will be held at Kalamandira on Hunsur Road at 11.30 am which will be inaugurated by District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh and Jungle Lodges and Resorts Chairman C. Anil Kumar. MLA K. Harish Gowda will preside.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha, Chamarajanagar MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad, Mandya MP Sumalatha Ambarish, MLAs Tanveer Sait, G.T. Devegowda, D. Ravishankar, G.D. Harish Gowda, Darshan Dhruvanarayan and T.S. Srivatsa, MLCs Marithibbegowda, A.H. Vishwanath, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, C.N. Manjegowda and Madhu G. Madegowda will be the chief guests.

Senior littérateur and renowned orator Dr. Pradeep Kumar Hebri will be the main speaker, according to a press release from the Assistant Director of the Kannada and Culture Department.

Kodagina Gowramma

A well-known short story writer, leading feminist and freedom fighter, who met her tragic end at the young age of 27

By C.P. Belliappa

Ramaiah couple in Madikeri, Kodagu, welcomed their youngest girl child Gowramma, on 5th March 1912 (not to be mistaken with Victoria Gowramma of Coorg, who was born in 1841). The little bundle of joy immediately became the family favourite, what with elder sisters too playing mother to the baby.

Belliappa

Pampered by the family, Gowramma soon displayed a mind of her own and would not stop until she got what she demanded. What was striking was her intelligence. She surprised everyone with her precocious self-confidence, which in her adult life led to Gowramma emerging as a well-known short story writer with strong emphasis on feminine issues.

When Gowramma was six years old, her parents decided to make the arduous pilgrimage to Kashi. Arrangements were made for Gowramma to stay with her sisters since the journey to Kashi and back would take more than a month. When Gowramma got wind of her parent's plan, she threw a massive tantrum. She insisted on being taken to Kashi. All the cajoling failed and her doting father had to relent.

However, this pilgrimage turned out to be a huge tragedy. Gowramma's mother, Nanjakka, took ill during the train journey and by the time they reached Kashi she was critical. There was very little Ramaiah could do and within days, his wife died. Grief-stricken Ramaiah performed the last rites on the banks of the Ganges.

He now had the sole responsibility of looking after Gowramma who did not grasp the full import of the event. Ramaiah took the little girl for *shanti pujas* at various temples. In the hustle and bustle of Kashi, Gowramma got separated from her father. Ramaiah was despondent searching for the little girl.

The sun was about to set and as a last resort, Ramaiah located the Police Station to seek their help. When he stepped into the Police Station, he was aghast to find Gowramma seated on the table chatting with the Constables. Relieved, he took her to Kashi Viswanath Temple to thank the Lord.

Several months passed before Ramaiah could come to terms with the tragedy. It was time for him to start planning Gowramma's education. When Ramaiah mentioned a government school, Gowramma vehemently insisted on being admitted to the elite St. Joseph's Convent in Madikeri.

Ramaiah, as a *vakil,* had good earnings and he agreed to Gowramma's preference. Once in school, Gowramma blossomed. As her education progressed, she became increasingly inquisitive and bombarded her teachers and elders with queries. Soon, she took to books and was a voracious reader. She knew far beyond her age and developed an independent intellect of her own.

However, society functioned differently. By the time Gowramma was 12 years old, her father and the rest of the family started looking for a suitable groom. They identified a young man named G.T. Gopalakrishna. She still had another year to complete her matriculation. While accepting the man chosen for her, Gowramma told her father that she would move to her future husband's home only after completing matriculation. Knowing how recalcitrant she could be, Ramaiah accepted her decision.

Gowramma's wedding at young age of 13

Thirteen-year-old Gowramma tied the knot with Gopalakrishna in 1925 and moved to Sunticoppa where Gopalakrishna worked as a manager in the estate of a prominent and progressive coffee planter — Gundukutti Manjunathayya.

They had comfortable accommodation in the plantation and had access to several facilities including a tennis court and a natural swimming pool in the stream that flowed through the coffee estate. Gowramma took to playing tennis and learnt swimming much to the consternation of members of her conservative family.

The Navodaya Movement in Kannada literature was at its peak at the time. The movement initiated around the 1900s by B.M. Srikantaiah (BM Sri) encouraged original thoughts in Kannada literature and motivated writers to integrate the essence of English literature in exposing social evils in society.

This renaissance in Kannada literature gave Karnataka brilliant litterateurs such as Shivram Karanth, Da. Ra. Bendre, Panje Mangesh Rao, Kuvempu, D.V. Gundappa, Masti Venkatesha Iyengar and many others. Gowramma immersed herself in reading books, short stories, poetry and essays by these eminent writers.

Gowramma felt strongly about women getting raw deals at every level of society. She was troubled by the fact that women were not protesting, rather, were helpless, in the blatant patriarchy, discrimination, caste rigidity, and atrocities against them.

What bothered her the most was the plight of widows. She questioned child marriage, the dowry system, denying widow remarriage and treating them as outcastes; and lack of education for girls.

Gowramma's very first short story written in 1931, when she was nineteen years old, was titled 'Punarvivaha' (Remarriage). It's a powerful story about a 35-year-old widower wanting to marry an attractive 15-year-old girl not knowing the girl was a child widow. When the girl reveals this to him, he is angry and disgusted.

Gowramma

After a long dialogue, she holds up the mirror to the man of the double standards in society. Finally, ashamed of himself he falls at the feet of the young widow and dedicates his life fighting misogyny in society.

In another story 'Aparadi Yaru?' (Who is Guilty?), Gowramma portrays the sad story of a young widow with a child who is excommunicated and is helpless and destitute. She had no recourse but to convert to another faith. In some of her stories, young widows, betrayed women, jilted lovers and abandoned women are driven to extreme despair and suicide.

There are also stories by Gowramma, such as 'Paapana Maduve', 'Kausalanandana', 'Sanyasi Ratna', that are playful and have happy endings.

Mahatma Gandhi in Kodagu and freedom movement

Gowramma was an ardent admirer of Gandhiji and actively supported the freedom movement. During a brief sojourn of Mahatma Gandhi in Kodagu in 1934, Manjunathayya drove the Mahatma in his car to various places in Kodagu. Gandhiji visited Manjunathayya's estate for a break and met leading freedom fighters.

Many women in Kodagu came forward to donate their jewellery to Gandhiji towards his charitable deeds. Gowramma decided to part with all her jewellery but wanted Gandhiji to personally visit her house. However, she was told to meet the Mahatma at Manjunathayya's residence. Gowramma vehemently insisted Gandhiji visit her humble abode and went on a hunger strike!

When Gandhiji heard about this he sent word for Gowramma to first come to Manjunathayya's bungalow to break her fast and promised to visit her house.

Gowramma received an orange from Gandhiji who then accompanied her to her home. Gowramma gave away all her valuables except for her mangalsutra, earrings and nose stud. Gandhiji was most touched by this noble gesture.

By 1939, Gowramma had written 21 short stories, and these were published in periodicals such as 'Prajamatha', 'Jaya Karnataka', 'Rastrabhandu' and 'Jayantha'. Her writings were well-received by the public and were appreciated by well-known writers of the time such as Da.Ra. Bendre, Shivram Karanth, D.V. Gundappa, Muliya Thimmappaya et al.

Interaction with eminent writers

Gundukutti Manjunathayya's estate attracted these eminent writers, and this allowed Gowramma to interact with them. Gowramma received support and encouragement from contemporary feminist writers such as Nanjangudu Tirumalamba and R. Kalyanamma.

Da. Ra. Bendre mentored Gowramma and advised her to publish an anthology of her stories. Gowramma selected 12 of her stories and titled the book 'Chiguru' (tender shoot). She requested Bendre to write a foreword for the collection, which he readily agreed.

A month before the manuscript was to be sent to the publishers, Gowramma, for reasons unknown, changed the title of the book from 'Chiguru' to 'Kambani' (tears). Bendre was intrigued and was to make a few changes in his foreword.

It was a salubrious sunny day on April 13, 1939. Gowramma, her husband Gopalakrishna and a nephew were to accompany Manjunathayya for a swim in the stream. Gopalakrishna had urgent work and was to join them later. Gowramma walked to the stream where Manjunathayya and her nephew were already in the water.

As usual, she climbed onto a branch overhanging the stream and dived into the deep end of the natural pool. When Gowramma did not resurface, Manjunathayya and her nephew were concerned and raised an alarm. Estate workers rushed to the spot to help but to no avail.

Divers retrieve her body later in the day. It was the most tragic day for her husband and eight-year-old son Vasanthrao, as well as the world of Kannada literature.

The literary world lost one of its most promising writers. Bendre, who used to refer to Gowramma as 'nanna thangi Gowramma' was heartbroken. He not only wrote a touching foreword for 'Kambani' but also penned a tearful poem eulogising Gowramma. She has left a lasting legacy as a writer, a leading feminist and a freedom fighter.

An English translation by Deepa Bhasthi, of Gowramma's 21 stories, titled 'Fate's Game and Other Stories' has been published recently.

I am thankful to Advocate S.R. Jagadeesh, a grand nephew of Gowramma, for sharing details of Gowramma's life and for gifting her biography 'Kodagina Gowramma' by H. Nagaveni ▪

Annual Day celebrations

VASAVI CONVENT, KOORGALLI: The School celebrated its Annual Day at Kalamandira in city recently.

Dr. Lakshminarayana Shenoy, Assistant Director, State Ayurveda Research Centre, Mysuru, was the chief guest and spoke about the importance of skills and encouragement of extra curricular activities for children.

School Secretary V. Anantharamu feted the school toppers of academic year 2022-23.

M. Mahadev, former Mysuru Zilla Panchayat President, S. Ramanna Mysuru, former Koorgalli Gram Panchayat Member and Dhanalakshmi Anantharamu, Co-ordinator, School Head Master, were among those present.

SESHADRIPURAM INDEPENDENT PU COLLEGE, HEBBAL: The 9th Annual Day of the College was celebrated at Kuvempu Rangamandira recently with Dr. Na. Someshwara, Quiz Master of the famous 'Thatt Anta Heli' programme telecast on *Chandana* channel, orator and writer, as the chief guest.

College Principal N. Archana Swamy welcomed the gathering. The programme was marked by distribution of certificates and medals of excellence to Akshatha S. Kottur of II PCMB as the Best Outgoing Student, Manjesh Gowda and Pushpalatha of II PU EBAC as the Best NSS Volunteers and Shaun Kumar of II PU EBAC and Anushka Accamma of II PU EBAB as Best Sportspersons.

Dr. Na. Someshwara, addressing the gathering, encouraged the students to take up competitive exams to render service to the nation and contribute to nation building. He compared the human resource of China with India and spoke about the richness of our country and its proper usage.

Nadoja Dr. Wooday P. Krishna, Honorary General Secretary, Seshadripuram Group of Institutions, presided.

The 9th Annual Day was lit up by the colourful and the energetic cultural programmes by the students.

Workshop on 'Script to Screen' held

Chetan Mundadi

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Chetan Mundadi, Film Director, whose directorial debut 'Madipu' received 'National Award for Best Feature Film' (Tulu), was the chief guest for the workshop 'Script to Screen: a cinematic experience' held at St. Philomena's College in Bannimantap recently.

This workshop was jointly organised by PG Department of Journalism and Mass Communication in association with B.Voc Media and Entertainment of St. Philomena's College.

Speaking on the occasion, Chetan Mundadi emphasised the significance of narrative in cinema and said that there are two types of cinema — one that you see and the other that stay. He stressed that it is the latter movies that bring social change.

Encouraging the student community, he asked them to be expressive and experimental in their approach to cinema.

The workshop, conceived, organised and implemented by 3rd Semester MA in Journalism & Mass Communication students as a practical component of their 'Event Management' course, serves a dual purpose. Firstly, it offers students a platform to grasp the intricacies of event management, enriching their practical knowledge. Secondly, it provided them with an opportunity to listen to an eminent speaker.

St. Philomena's Institutions Rector/Manager Rev. Dr. Bernard Prakash Barnis, Principal Dr. Ravi J.D. Saldanha, PG Director Prof. Othbert Pinto, Head of PG Department of Journalism Dr. M.K. Venugopala Gowda, UG Department of Journalism Head Dr. Yamuna B. Raj, B Voc. Media and Entertainment Head Raviraj I. Vadigere and others were present during the event.

Excel in Women's Cricket Tourney

Mysore University Women's Cricket Team bagged third place in the Inter-University Women's Cricket Tournament organised by Halagappa University, Tamil Nadu. The team is qualified to participate in All India Inter-University Tournament. Seen in the picture are the students of SBRR Mahajana First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, who were part of the Mysore University team — *(standing from left)* ***Niriksha, Thasi and Dakshitha — with*** *(sitting from left)* ***P.S. Madhusudhana, PE Director, Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Secretary, Mahajana Education Society, Dr. B.R. Jayakumari, Principal and Dr. H.N. Bhaskar, PE Director.***

UoM wins CMRUT20 State-Level Inter-Varsity Cricket

Bengaluru, Feb. 18- CMR University hosted its CMRUT20 Cricket Tournament for Men in collaboration with the Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA).

The event, which took place from Feb. 10 to 16, showcased the sporting prowess of 16 Universities from across the State, vying for the prestigious title.

University of Mysore (UoM) won the final of CMRUT20 against PES University by 57 runs.

PES University advanced to the final by defeating Dayananda Sagar University, St. Joseph's, and CMRU. University of Mysore reached the final by overcoming Presidency, CMRIT and Reva Universities.

The valedictory ceremony, held at the CMRU Cricket Pavilion, Lakeside Campus in Bagalur, Bengaluru, was attended by Dodda Ganesh, former Indian Cricketer, as the chief guest.

Joining him were notable personalities such as Dr. K.C. Ramamurthy, IPS (retd.), former

Member of Parliament and Chairman of CMR University, along with Dr. N.V. Subba Reddy, Pro Vice-Chancellor, CMR University and Dr. R. Praveen, Registrar.

Addressing the gathering, Ganesh emphasised the significance of sportsmanship and cricket in India, commending CMR University for its state-of-the-art Cricket Stadium, capable of hosting various national and international matches. He congratulated all participants and winners for their exemplary performance.

Recently a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between CMR University and KSCA, further strengthening their collaboration. Under this agreement, KSCA will utilise the ground for its matches for 15 days each month, while CMR University and CMR Group of Institution students will have access for their matches on the remaining days.

Dr. Ramamurthy underscored the commitment to holding the CMRU T20 Tournament on a yearly basis, aimed at fostering the development of more cricketers to represent the country.

The CMRU Cricket Pavilion, designed by renowned architect Sanjay Mohe, stands as a marvel of architectural brilliance, blending functionality, comfort, and aesthetics seamlessly. With aspirations to become a premier cricketing venue in Bengaluru, the Stadium is poised to host matches at both national and international levels.

As a token of appreciation, the Tournament winners were presented with trophies, medals and cash prizes, with the champions receiving Rs. 25,000, the runners-up Rs. 15,000 and awards were distributed to the best batsman and best bowler of the Tournament.

RESULTS

Champions: University of Mysore; **Runners-up:** PES University; **Best Batsman of the Tournament:** B. Dheemanth - University of Mysore (209 Runs); **Best Bowler of the Tournament:** Thushar Singh - Reva University (8 Wickets).

WORD OF THE DAY

Cupid

Pronunciation: KYOO-pid (noun)
Meaning: Cupid is the Roman god of erotic love. The word cupid in lowercase refers to a figure that represents Cupid as a naked usually winged boy often holding a bow and arrow.
Origin: According to Roman mythology, Cupid was the son of Mercury, the messenger god, and Venus, the goddess of love. In Roman times, the winged "messenger of love" was sometimes depicted in armour, but no one is sure if that was intended as a sarcastic comment on the similarities between warfare and romance, or a reminder that love conquers all. Cupid was generally seen as a good spirit who brought happiness to all, but his matchmaking could cause mischief. Venus wasn't above using her son's power to get revenge on her rivals, and she once plotted to have the beautiful mortal Psyche fall in love with a despicable man. But the plan backfired: Cupid fell in love with Psyche, and she eventually became his immortal wife.
Example: "Michelangelo's talent as a sculptor first drew attention after a failed attempt at art fraud. Cardinal who purchased his fake antique cupid statue was so impressed with Michelangelo's work that he invited the artist to Rome for a meeting." —The Williston (North Dakota) Daily Herald, 4 Mar. 2022

THE ODD WORD

Hallux

Big Toe

PHRASE OF THE DAY

A Slap on the Wrist

Meaning: The phrase 'A Slap on the Wrist' means to get a light punishment (for doing something wrong).
Origin: If you've done wrong and are caught, you probably feel fortunate to get away with just a slap on the wrist. The origin of the idiom 'a slap on the wrist' is probably 18th century England, as it was in this place and time that the word 'slap' began to be used not just literally, but figuratively. As punishments were often quite severe in those days, a slap on the wrist would have been considered to be extremely minor.
Example: "He should be in jail for what he did, but he got off with just a slap on the wrist."

QUOTE BOX

The sole meaning of life is to serve humanity. **—Leo Tolstoy**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Spellbound.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Denial - "ton" anagram?
4 Unwanted e-mail
8 Biblical wisemen
12 Small guitar
13 Approximately or roughly (2,2)
14 Hairdo
15 A major transverse part of the body of a church
17 Jokes that leave us speechless?
18 Pacific island group
19 Arouse feelings in
21 Type of grass
23 ___ ___ nobis : pray for us, in Latin? (3,3)
27 Cry of delight
30 Declare
32 Pile of hay
33 Winged insect
35 Employ or avail of
37 Dream Girl, ___ Malini
38 Frighten
40 Lower limb
42 One who tries to get enemy information
43 Infinite amount
45 The point or gist
47 Bric-a- ___ : Miscellaneous curios
49 Euro 2020 champions
53 Lima is its capital city
56 Undertakings
58 Single entity
59 Thought
60 Suffix with expert
61 Commanded
62 Horizontal layer
63 "The" in German

DOWN
1 Whimsically eccentric persons
2 Ladies' fingers
3 Sporting side
4 __ ___ the Good Book : a way of quoting Holy Bible? (2,4)
5 Before as a prefix
6 Venomous snakes
7 Slogan
8 Former Aussie paceman Glenn ___
9 Angle-of-attack, abbr.
10 A light ship's boat
11 Conditions
16 And not?
20 U.S. tax dept.
22 Loire's contents
24 Leander ____ : India's tennis star ?
25 Royal Can. Mount. Police
26 Alright
27 Ancient alphabet used in Celtic inscriptions
28 Just
29 A sea-fog - "Ahar" anagram?
31 Designer monogram
34 Testimonial
36 Even (poet.)
39 Spoil
41 Stringed instrument
44 Crane on board ship used especially for lowering a smaller boat
46 Quantity of heat in FPS unit
48 Basic monetary unit of Ghana
50 Dry and parched
51 ___ majesty : treason toward the king or country?
52 River of Flanders
53 Bar
54 Girl's name
55 Get __ of : eliminate or discard?
57 Born in France?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

G	A	O	L	■	P	T	A	H	■	F	C	S
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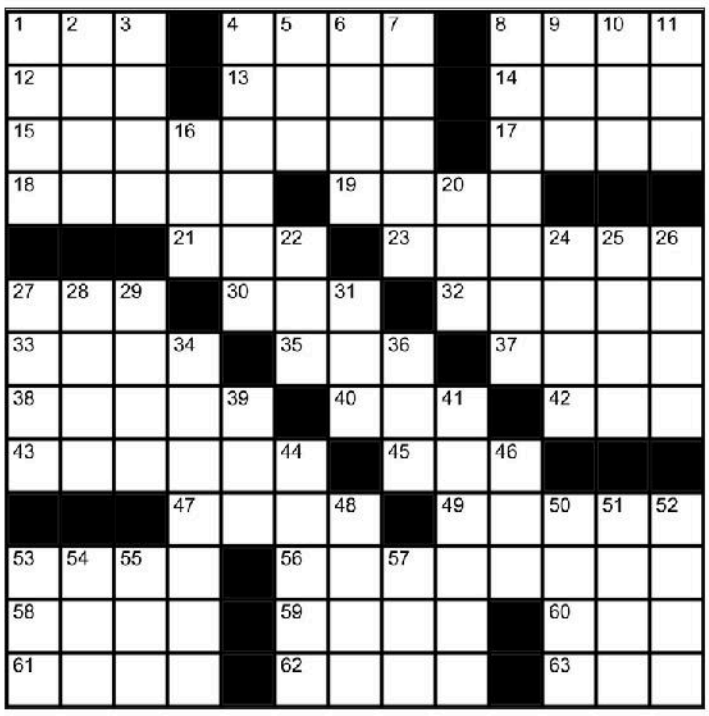

SUDOKU

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	1	7		5				4
			4		9		6	8

Answer to previous puzzle

8	1	3	4	9	6	5	2	7
7	6	4	2	1	5	3	9	8
5	9	2	3	8	7	4	6	1
3	4	9	5	2	1	8	7	6
1	2	8	6	7	4	9	5	3
6	7	5	8	3	9	1	4	2
2	8	7	9	4	3	6	1	5
9	5	1	7	6	8	2	3	4
4	3	6	1	5	2	7	8	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

ZWCJNVAM ZUMC DUO AUDCWCO WD OTM

FBDWCTQMDO, EBO WD OTM ANWQM.

TODAY'S CLUE: O EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Tact is the knack of making a point without making an enemy.

MOVIE LOVERS

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- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
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- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Kaatera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** — Ph: 2497199
  Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  5D 2024 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  5D 2024 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Siren (Ta) - 4 Shows

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Shakhahari (K)	(S-1)	10.15 am
KTM (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
Teri Baatoon Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
Abbabba (K)	(S-1)	7.05 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	(S-1)	10 pm; (S-3) 7.10 pm
Thundu (Ma)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Bob Marley: One Love (E)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Biography	(S-2)	4.20 pm
Kuch Khatta Ho Jaay (H)	(S-2)	7.00 pm
Premalu (Ma)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
Bob Marley: One Love (E)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Mandya Haida (K)	(S-3)	10.15 am
Siren (Ta)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Madame Web (E)	(S-3)	4.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Saramsha (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am
Upadhyaksha (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Fighter 2D (H)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-4)	7.20 pm, 10.15 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Madame Web (E)	:	11.00 am, 4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Alemari E Baduku (K)	:	11.15 am
Abbabba (K)	:	1.10 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	1.15 pm, 4.00 pm
Mandya Haida (K)	:	1.30 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	1.35 pm, 7.30 pm
Saramsha (K)	:	4.10 pm
Thundu (Ma)	:	4.10 pm
5D -2024 (K)	:	6.40 pm
KTM (K)	:	6.40 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
E-mail (K)	:	9.10 pm

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Siren (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 1.05 pm, 7.15 pm
Ooru Peru Bhairavakona (Te)	:	10.10 am, 4.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Madame Web (E)	:	10.50 am, 1.25 pm, 4.35, 7.10 pm
Sapta Sagaradaache Ello - A (K)	:	11.00 am
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	12.15 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	12.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Saramsha (K)	:	1.15 pm
Abbabba (K)	:	2.55 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	3.25 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	4.00 pm
Anweshippin Kandethum (Ma)	:	4.05 pm
Varanam Aayiram (Ta)	:	6.00 pm
Fighter (H)	:	6.35 pm
Bob Marley: One Love (E)	:	9.45 pm
Ravike Prasanga (K)	:	9.50 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	10.00 pm

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Madame Web (E)	:	10.40 am, 1.50 pm, 7.40 pm, 10.15 pm
KTM (K)	:	12 noon
Ooru Peru Bhairavakona (Te)	:	12.05 pm, 6.30 pm
Shakhahaari (K)	:	12.25 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.15 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	3.10 pm
Siren (Ta)	:	3.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Thundu (Ma)	:	3.30 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	4.25 pm, 9.30 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	6.20 pm
Ondu Sarala Premakathe (K)	:	9.45 pm
Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	6.35 pm

Intl. Nirantara Kalemane Festival

Sri Purandaradasa & Sri Thyagaraja Aaradhana Sangeeta Nritya Mahotsava and award presentation

Mysuru, Feb. 18- Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru, has organised its 33rd & 34th 'International Nirantara Kalemane Festival' and 3rd 'Sri Purandaradasa & Sri Thyagaraja Aaradhana Sangeeta Nritya Mahotsava' on Feb. 24 and 25 respectively at Kalemane Sabhaangana in Hebbal 2nd Stage at 2.30 pm.

Feb. 24

Gosthi Gayana of Sri Purandaradasa and Sri Thyagaraja by Guru & disciples — Vid. Vishnubhatla Sri Ramachandra Murthy, Founder, Swararagasudha Sangeetha Vidyalayam, Kakinada and *Kalaratna* Vid. Rao R. Sharath, Director, Sharada Sangeetha Shala, Bengaluru.

Senior Journalist Amshi Prasannakumar will be the chief guest. Renowned Musicologist Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy, renowned Flautist Dr. C.A. Shreedhar, Surabhi Gana Kala Mandira Founder & Director Dr. Sukanya Prabhakar and Hindustani vocalist and art critic Dr. Manik A.V. Bengeri will be the special invitees.

Vid. Ramachandra; Vid. Rao Sharath; Vid. Nanjundaswamy; Dr. Shreedhar

Kalemane Purandara Thyagaraja International Awardees

Vidu. Veena *Surya Gayathri* *Vidu. Sunitha* *Dr. Rekha*

On the occasion, Vid. V. Nanjundaswamy will deliver a lecture on Purandaradasa while Dr. C.A. Shreedhar will deliver a lecture on Thyagaraja.

Feb. 25

The performances of the evening are as follows: *Karnataka Kalashree* Dr. K. Kumar of KPAC, Mysuru and his disciples; Vidu. Veena M. Samaga of Radhakrishna Nritya Niketana, Udupi and her disciples; Guru Surya Gayathri Devi of Thapasya Entertainments, Kerala and her disciples; Vidushi Sunitha Sukumaran of Sri Krishna Kalaalaya, Bengaluru and her disciples; Vidushi Asha Kumar of Shivaganga Nrityalaya, Bengaluru and her disciples; Vidushi Anupama Sanjay of Natyanubhava, Bengaluru and her disciples; Vidu. Arathi Arun of Ganesha Sangeetha Nrityala Charitable Trust, Mysuru and her disciples.

The 'Kalemane Purandara Thyagaraja International Award' will be presented to the following artistes: Vidu. Veena M. Samaga, Guru Surya Gayathri Devi, Vidu. Sunitha Sukumaran and Dr. Rekha Girish of Rekha Natya Academy, Wales, UK.

Dr. K.B. Ganapathy, Founder-Editor, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*, Dr. Raju Varadamaistry, retired Project Director, Reproductive and Child Health (RCH), Department of Health And Family Welfare Services (HFWS), Government of Karnataka and Dr. U.G. Shenoy, senior Paediatrician and President, Indian Academy of Paediatrics (IAP), Karnataka-2008, will be the chief guests.

EVENTS TODAY (FEB. 18)

- **Coffee City:** 'Twilight Whispers of Hampi - Photography Expo' by Shivashankar Banagar, Neralu-Belaku Gallery, Coffee City, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeethotsava Samiti, Mysuru:** Sumadhwa-Vijaya Express, Madhwa-Purandara Namana and Ganasiri-Vedanta Lahari Part-11, Sri 1008 Satyatma Theertha Sripadangal graces the occasion, Sumadhwavijaya 1 & 2 Sargagalu, Pt. Praveenacharya Hunagunda explains, Vid. Ramesh Kulkarni sings, interaction with Pt. Aniruddhacharya Pandurangi of Uttaradi Mutt-Mysuru, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, Krishnamurthypuram, **5.30 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram:** Swami Jnanayogananda speaks on 'Sri Ramakrishna Vachana Veda,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of B. Suresh's play 'Aduge Maneyalladu Huli,' directed by Natana School Principal Megha Sameer, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Kakanakote,' written by Masti Venkatesh Iyengar, directed by S. Ramanath, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

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Teri Batoon Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	(S-3)	10.00 pm
Ondu Sarala Prema Kathe (K)	(S-4)	10.05 am, 4.20 pm
Ooru Peru Bhairavakona (Te)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	(S-4)	10.20 pm
Premalu (Ma)	(S-3)	6.45 pm
Bob Marley: One Love (E)	(S-3)	4.10 pm
Madame Web (E)	(S-1)	1.20 pm, 7.05 pm, 9.40 pm
	(S-2)	9.55 am
Siren (Ta)	(S-2)	4.00 pm, 10.30 pm
	(S-3)	12.15 pm
Abbabba (K)	(S-4)	1.15 pm
Thundu (Ma)	(S-4)	7.30 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Madame Web (E)	:	10.35 am, 12.40 pm, 7.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Upadhyaksha (K)	:	11.40 am, 4.20 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	12 noon
Saramsha (K)	:	12.30 pm
5D - 2024 (K)	:	2.55 pm
Shakhahaari (K)	:	3.15 pm
Ravike Prasanga (K)	:	3.20 pm
Siren (Ta)	:	5.45 pm
KTM (K)	:	6.20 pm
Bramayugam (Ma)	:	6.30 pm
Mandya Haida (K)	:	9.00 pm
Premalu (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Teri Baaton Mein Aisa Uljha Jiya (H)	:	1.10 pm, 9.30 pm

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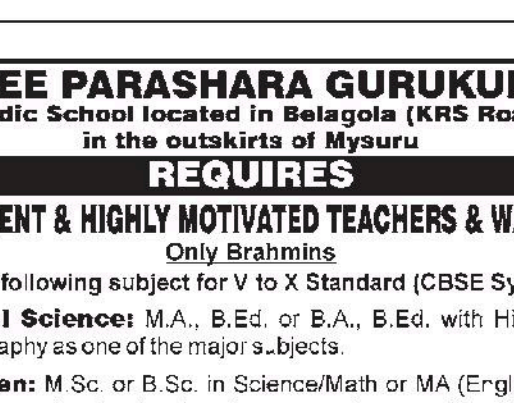
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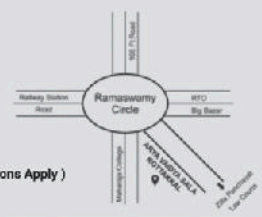

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